

REMARKS

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claims 2 and 3 and amended claims 1 and 4-7 are in this application.

Claims 1-3 were objected to because of informalities. Claim 1 has been amended herein so as to correct the informalities. Therefore, the objection to claim 1 should be withdrawn. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1, and due to such dependency, the objections to claims 2 and 3 should also be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garland (US Patent Number 6,366,359).

Claim 1, as presented herein, recites in part as follows:

“a data memory for transiently storing data from the received television broadcast representative of only one image, in which said one image is the same as that currently displayed by said picture display device.”  
(Emphasis added).

Garland (hereinafter, merely “Garland”) appears to disclose a buffer that stores compressed digital video signals corresponding to a plurality of images. (See Garland, Col. 4, lines 7-12 and lines 32-39). This buffer is coupled to a control means which, in turn, allows a user to view and select desired images from the stored compressed digital video signals by forwarding or rewinding though the stored images. (See Garland, Col. 4, lines 32-39; and col. 5,

lines 50-55). Accordingly, Garland does not appear to disclose “a data memory for transiently storing data from the received television broadcast representative of only one image, in which said one image is the same as that currently displayed by said picture display device”, as in amended independent claim 1.

Accordingly, it is believed that amended independent claim 1 is distinguishable from Garland as applied by the Examiner. For reasons somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also believed that amended independent claim 4 is distinguishable from Garland. Claims 2, 3, and 5-7 are dependent from one of the independent claims 1 and 4 and, due to such dependency, are also distinguishable from Garland.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above 103 rejections of claims 1-7 be withdrawn.

The Examiner has made of record, but not applied, several U.S. Patents. The applicants appreciate the Examiner’s implicit finding that these references, whether considered alone or in combination with others, do not render the claims of the present application unpatentable.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

It is to be appreciated that the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art represent the present opinions of the applicants’ undersigned attorney and, in the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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**“VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE”**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1 and 4-7 by rewriting the same as follows:

1. (Amended) A receiver for receiving television broadcast and for synthesizing plural received images [pictures], comprising:

a reception antenna for receiving television broadcast;

display data outputting means for outputting [picture data of] the received television broadcast [received over said reception antenna as display data] to a picture display device;

a [picture] data memory for transiently storing data from the received television broadcast representative of only one image, in which said one image is the same as that currently displayed by said picture display device [said picture data from one image plane demonstrated on said picture display device to another];

printing command inputting means for inputting a command for printing a desired image selected from the images displayed [picture demonstrated] on said picture display device;

printing command outputting means for reading out the desired image from the data memory [picture data held on said picture data memory to output the picture data as printing data] to a printing device [when a command for printing the image plane demonstrated on said picture display device when a command for printing an image plane demonstrated on said picture display device is inputted to said printing command inputting means]; and

picture data synthesis means for synthesizing the received television broadcast [picture data of television broadcast received over said reception antenna to] with the desired image [picture data], thereby generating synthesized image data for display on the picture display

device [held on said picture data memory when a command for printing the image plane demonstrated on said picture display device is inputted to said printing command inputting means;

wherein when the command for printing the image plane demonstrated on said picture display device is inputted to said printing command inputting means, said display data outputting means outputs picture data synthesized by said picture data synthesis means as display data to said picture display device].

4. (Amended) A picture data processing method comprising the steps of:  
receiving television broadcast;  
outputting the received television broadcast to a picture display device;  
transiently storing data from the received television broadcast representative of  
only one image, in which said one image is the same as that currently displayed by said picture  
display device;

inputting a command for printing a desired image selected from the images  
displayed on said picture display device;  
reading out the desired image from the data memory to a printing device; and  
synthesizing the received television broadcast with the desired image, thereby  
generating synthesized image data for display on the picture display device

[in which picture data of the television broadcast received by reception means is supplied as display data to a picture display device to demonstrate an image plane corresponding to said display data on said picture display device; said picture data is stored in picture data storage means from one image plane demonstrated on said picture display device to another; and

in which when a command for printing an image plane demonstrated on said picture display device is inputted, picture data held in said picture data holding means is read out and outputted as printing data to a printing device, the picture data of television broadcast received by said receiving means is synthesized to picture data held in said picture data holding means; the resulting synthesized data being routed as display data to said picture display device for demonstrating a print image on a portion of an image plane of said picture display device].

5. (Amended) The picture data processing method according to claim 4 wherein the [display of said print image] step of synthesizing the received television broadcast with the desired image is terminated when [the processing for printing by] said printing device prints the desired image [comes to a close].

6. (Amended) The picture data processing method according to claim 4 wherein the [display of said print image] step of synthesizing the received television broadcast with the desired image is terminated when a command for terminating the display of the synthesized image data [said print image] is inputted.

7. (Amended) The picture data processing method according to claim 4 wherein the [display of said print image] step of synthesizing the received television broadcast with the desired image is terminated when a pre-set time has elapsed.